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SUBJ: ANTI-NARCOTICS DAY - SAIGON

1. ON SEPTEMBER 6, 1974, THE GOVERNMENT OF VIETNAM, IN A CEREMONY MARKING ANTI-NARCOTICS DAY, DESTROYED APPROXIMATELY ONE HUNDRED POUNDS OF HEROIN AT THE SAIGON CITY HALL. THE ASSISTANT PRIME MINISTER OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM PRESIDED OVER THE CEREMONY THAT WAS ATTENDED BY THE GVN CABINET, OTHER GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS BOTH CIVILIAN AND MILITARY, FOREIGN DIPLOMATIC CORPS, AND THE PRESS.
2. GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS INVOLVED IN NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT RECEIVED MEDALS AND REWARDS FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE IN THE FIELD OF NARCOTICS SUPPRESSION. AMONG THOSE HONORED WERE MAJORS LY KY HOANG AND NGUYEN VAN CHIN OF THE VIETNAMESE NATIONAL POLICE, BUREAU OF NARCOTICS.
3. FOLLOWING THE AWARDS CEREMONY, AN EXHIBITION CONCENTRATING ON THE EVILS OF NARCOTICS ADDICTION WAS OPENED. THE EXHIBITION WAS A JOINT EFFORT BY THE NATIONAL POLICE, GVN CUSTOMS, AND THE VIETNAMESE

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THE EXHIBITION WILL REMAIN OPEN FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS.
HIGH SCHOOL AND PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS WILL VIEW THE EXHIBITION
AS AN AID IN CURBING THE RATE OF ADDICTION AMONG VIETNAMESE YOUTH.

4. THE ANTI-NARCOTICS THEME WAS GIVEN PRIORITY COVERAGE IN ALL
THE NEWS MEDIA THROUGHOUT VIETNAM.
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